EVIDENCE-BASED CLINICAL GUIDELINES

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Course Summary:
The purpose of this program is to increase awareness of VA/DoD Clinical Practice Guidelines; provide rationale and framework for the incorporation of evidence-based protocols into clinical practice; improve quality and uniformity of care provided by hospital professionals, DoD personnel and VA medical facilities; facilitate clinician's ability to identify clinical areas of concern and to make appropriate changes. This course is a stand-alone educational activity, requiring participant viewing only.

Target Audience:

VA/DoD clinicians involved in the care and or management of veterans, active duty personnel and beneficiaries. Physicians and Clinical Nurses.

Outline:
1. Reasons for Evidence-Based Practice (EBP)
    a. Knowledge decay
    b. Cognitive biases
    c. Inefficient transfer of knowledge
2. Comparison to Evidence-Based Medicine (EBM)
3. Foundation for EBP
    a. Systematic reviews
    b. Systematic literature reviews
4. Guideline development
5. Formulary management
6. Toolkits

Objectives:
1. Define principles and establish rationale for an evidence-based clinical practice.
2. Demonstrate strategies to evaluate and ascertain best available evidence.
3. Explain how to determine treatment recommendations.
4. Identify tools designed to help implement guidelines.

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